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Appellant hereby petitions for rehearing upon the following grounds:

- 1. The decision of this appellate court was dated June 8, 1966, and concluded that the district court lacked jurisdiction of the subject matter.
- 2. The decision is premised upon John N. Newland, Trustee of Hughes Homes, Inc., a Montana Corporation, and Hughes Homes

 Acceptance Corporation, an Idaho Corporation, being an ordinary trustee in bankruptcy, as distinguished from a trustee in proceedings under Chapter X of the National Bankruptcy Act, Act of June 22, 1938, 52 Stat.



as amended 11 U.S.C. Sec. 501, et seq. (1958).

John N. Newland is such a Chapter X trustee (Anaconda Building Materials Co., et al., V. John N. Newland, Trustee of the Estate of Hughes Homes, Inc., et al., debtors, 9th Cir., 336 F2d 625; R. Tr. 14 in the case at bar).

- 3. The status of John N. Newland as such a Chapter X trustee and the law upon which is based the jurisdiction of federal courts to hear plenary suits brought by a reorganization trustee were not emphasized and presented to this court on appeal by the parties.

 Accordingly, there is submitted authority for which it is contended that the district court did have jurisdiction of the cause.
- 4. Section 2 of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C.A. Sec. 11)

 confers jurisdiction upon all reorganization courts to hear plenary

 suits brought by a Chapter X trustee. Section 23 of the Bankruptcy

 Act (11 U.S.C.A. Sec. 46) was expressly made inapplicable to Chapter

 X proceedings by Section 102 of Chapter X (11 U.S.C.A. Sec. 502), and results the holding of Williams v. Austrian, 67 S.Ct. 1443; 331 U.S. 642:
 - ". . . With the limitations of Sec. 23 suspended, Sec. 2 confers jurisdiction upon all reorganization Courts to hear plenary suits brought by a Chapter X trustee." (331 U.S. at 661)

The Supreme Court in <u>Austrian</u> stated:

". . . the conclusion more in accord with the purposes of Chapter X and with the pivotal position in which the trustee was placed is that Congress intended by the

elimination of Sec. 23 to establish the jurisdiction of the federal courts to hear plenary suits brought by a reorganization trustee, even though diversity or other usual ground for federal jurisdiction is lacking." (331 U.S. at 657-8)

The elimination of Sec. 23 allows the extensive jurisdiction conferred by Sec. 2a(6) and (7) to operate untrammeled. Independent grounds of federal jurisdiction, such as diversity of citizenship and amount in controversy are not required. (See 6 Collier on Bankrupty, 14th Ed., Sec. 3.18 (pp. 663-664); Magidson v. Duggan, 180 F.2d 473 (C.A. 8, 1950)

Under the holding of <u>Austrian</u>, the federal district court in Idaho is a reorganization court having the jurisdiction conferred by Sec. 2 (331 U.S. at 658).

WHEREFORE, it is petitioned that rehearing be granted, the decision dated June 8, 1966, be withdrawn, and the questions raised on appeal be determined under the jurisdiction of this court.

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that in my judgment the foregoing Petition for Rehearing is well founded, and further certify that is is not interposed for delay.

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